

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 15, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Attached is a blind memorandum on the questions into which you asked me to inquire last week.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph".

Ralph A. Dungan

Attachment

COVERT OPERATIONS IN CUBA PRIOR TO 1958CASTRO

No clandestine operations involving Castro or the Cuban revolutionary movement were conducted by CIA in the period prior to 1958. Normal intelligence collection activities were conducted in Cuba and elsewhere concerning Castro and the various revolutionary elements in Cuba but they did not involve contact or operations with Castro.

BATISTA

CIA did maintain contact with the Batista government in a range of intelligence activities primarily involving intelligence gathering in the pre-1958 period. One project was undertaken with Batista pursuant to a conversation which he had with Allen Dulles. In 1955, at Agency suggestion, an outfit called the Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities (BRAC) was established. Some \$12,000 went into this operation, support for which was abandoned when the organization became corrupted and became simply another organ of repression.

No other operational projects were carried on by the Agency with Batista.